

The Estes Park Internet Computer Group

Meeting Minutes

2/17/2009

Present: Rip Tragle, Ed Acela, Bruce Cairns, Dorothy Gibbs, Hugo Ehret, Anne Ehret, Mike Connolly, Ray Sham, Jim Webb

Next meeting: March 17, 2009, 7:00 PM in the Hondius Room of the Estes Park Public Library

I. Announcements

Vice President Lee Lasson opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Annual membership dues are now due. EPICUG membership is \$12.00 per year

By unanimous vote, here are the new officers starting Mar '09 through Jan '10:

President: Lee Lasson
V President: Hugo Ehret
Treas: Anne Ehret and Ed Acela (shared this year)
Sec'y: Mike Connolly
Program Dir: Lee Lasson

II. Discussion

Jim Webb was kind enough to give us a very through demonstration of **Windows 7** and the **ubuntu** operating systems. He also favored us with his impressions of **Word 2007** and compared it to **Word 2003**.

Windows 7

Here are a number of comments Jim shared with us during his demo of the operating system.

- The program is in a beta version and available free from Microsoft. Jim has additional product keys available if you have difficulty acquiring one from Microsoft.
- AVG antivirus program does not work well with Windows 7.
- Adobe Acrobat does not work with Windows 7.
- Boots very quickly.
- Has a migration tool for VISTA and Windows XP.
- Has a new Icon manager from the desktop.
 - Programs open from an Icon on the desktop and shows most recent data files that have been in use.
 - This may be a Office 2007 feature.
- Dual monitors won't refresh properly.
- The "Program not Responding" message happens a lot in both VISTA and Windows 7.
- Windows 7 is able to burn ISO images directly.

Word 2007/2003

- Word 2007 uses more buttons and 2003 uses more menus.
 - The buttons are more convenient and all the style types are controlled by buttons.
 - Controlling the word program options is more convenient using the main desktop button in 2007. Options are harder to find in menus in word 2003
- The standard style sheet is in the Normal.dot program file.
 - Be careful not to overwrite Normal.dot
 - Other document files can overwrite it by just be opened and editing your document.
 - He saves his Normal.dot on a SharePoint server so it's always available no mater where he is or what computer he's using.
- **SharePoint server and live.com**
 - Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 is a new server program that is part of the 2007 Microsoft Office system.
 - SharePoint facilitates collaboration with 2007 Office products
 - Live.com is also a Microsoft product that allows for places to store documents
 - It's free.
 - You need a MSN account or a Hotmail account.
 - Go to www.live.com and register for an account

UBUNTU

- Is a free Linux operating system designed to be very user friendly.
- It is available from: www.ubuntu.com .
- It installs easily from a CD or even a USB memory stick.
- It automatically searches the internet for drivers compatible with your computer.
- It comes with the SUN Open Office product suite.
 - Open Office is compatible with all the Microsoft products.
 - It is free.

III. Roundtable

Jim demoed the new product, Google Ocean. He showed us the ocean floor around his home in Hawaii. He also showed us Google satellite photos of his old home and surrounding neighborhood.

Dorothy asked a question about the wireless network hookup in her house. Both Jim and Lee used the white board to show possible network hookup diagrams that would solve her connectivity problem. By using two Routers, Dorothy can have an open wireless network for guests and a private network for their various computers. The advantage is the can share files between computers but a guest wouldn't be able to explore their shared files. Connect the LAN output on the first "guest" router to the WAN port on the second "Private" router. You can use wireless ecurity on both wireless routers and provide the passphrase to your guests.

Mike Connolly
Secretary .